

## Oil ministers make progress in talks

LONDON (R) — Key OPEC oil ministers have made substantial progress in resolving differences that have blocked agreement to cut their official oil price below an unrealistic level which has driven away many clients, Kuwait's Oil Minister Ali Khalifa Al-Sabah said Sunday. All 13 member states are due to attend a meeting here Monday following intensive consultations among a group of ministers and their experts trying to narrow differences on price and production levels. OPEC ministers last met in January in Geneva where they failed to agree on how best to tackle the oil glut which has more than halved their sales in the past three years.

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## Arafat leaves for New Delhi

BAHRAIN (R) — Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat left Riyadh for New Delhi Sunday to head the Palestine Liberation Organisation's delegation to the non-aligned summit due to start Monday, the official Saudi press agency said. Mr. Arafat, who had talks with King Fahd of Saudi Arabia Saturday night, was quoted by Riyadh radio as saying that a Palestinian working paper to be submitted to the summit would be based on an Arab Middle East peace plan. He also said he had briefed the Saudi leader on the outcome of last month's meeting of the Palestine National Council (Parliament) in Algiers.

## China, Soviets to discuss trade ties

MOSCOW (R) — Chinese Deputy Foreign Trade Minister Jia Shi arrived in Moscow Sunday for talks on developing trade between the two countries. The official news agency TASS said the Chinese official was met on arrival by Soviet Deputy Trade Minister Ivan Grishin, but it gave no other details. The trade talks, expected to last two weeks, begin a week after deputy foreign ministers from the two countries began a second round of consultations in Moscow on improving relations. According to Chinese diplomats, however, the two issues are separate. Trade talks have been held each year despite strained relations between the two states.

## U.S. farm exports may be affected by world recession

WASHINGTON (R) — The United States cannot expect to increase farm exports until at least the end of 1984, Agriculture Secretary John Block said Sunday. He said this was due to the worldwide recession, the relative strength of the dollar, aggressive export policies of competing countries and the European Community's export subsidies.

## South Africa detains Catholic nun

JOHANNESBURG (R) — South African police have detained a Catholic nun and confiscated books from a convent near Krugersdorp, 25 kms west of here, the South African Press Association (SAPA) said Sunday. The agency quoted nuns at the companions of Saint Angela Convent as saying police went there at 3 a.m. on Friday, but left after being told no males were allowed in the precincts. They returned three hours later, detained 43-year-old Sister Bernard Nenebe and took away several books, SAPA said.

## Pope arrives in El Salvador

SAN SALVADOR (R) — Pope John Paul Sunday arrived in El Salvador, potentially one of the most perilous stops of his Central American tour, and praised the U.S.-backed government's latest moves to end a bloody civil war. In a speech of welcome at San Salvador's military airport, President Alvaro Magana told the Pope his visit coincided with new efforts to bring peace to a country where 40 months of civil war have claimed an estimated 42,000 lives. The president singled out the formation earlier this week of a three-man peace commission charged with drafting an amnesty law to provide firm guarantees for the safety of leftist guerrillas laying down their arms.

# Kohl wins landslide victory

BONN (R) — Conservative Chancellor Helmut Kohl won a landslide general election Sunday and the opposition Social Democrats (SPD) slumped to their worst result since 1961, reliable computer forecasts said.

Forecasts on both national television channels gave Mr. Kohl's alliance of Christian Democrats (CDU) and the Bavarian Christian Social Union (CSU) around 49 per cent of the vote. It was not immediately clear whether the CDU/CSU had won an absolute majority of parliamentary seats or whether they would need to renew a coalition with Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher's Free Democrats (FDP), who were winning around seven per cent. Both forecasts gave the Social Democrats 38.2 per cent of the vote, and showed the radical, anti-nuclear Greens Party springing into parliament with just over the minimum five per cent. Crushed by jubilant supporters at CDU headquarters chanting "Helmut, Helmut", Mr. Kohl claimed victory and said the voters

had given him a mandate to continue "a policy of the centre." Social Democratic challenger Hans-Joachim Vogel conceded defeat shortly afterwards. He congratulated the chancellor and pledged constructive opposition in the new parliament. The margin of victory, after a hard-fought campaign dominated by unemployment and nuclear missiles, was greater than most opinion polls had forecast. Television commentators called the outcome sensational. CSU leader Franz Josef Strauss, the Bavarian state premier, declined to say in a television interview whether he would press for the post of foreign minister in the new government. But his supporters laughed and cheered when he said: "I'm flying to Bonn tomorrow."

## Baghdad blast kills Air France office manager

BAGHDAD (R) — An explosive charge ripped through the Air France office in Baghdad Saturday, fatally wounding the Iraqi office manager, a French Embassy spokesman said Sunday. The official Iraqi News Agency (INA) earlier reported that several staff and clients were injured in the blast which it said was engineered by "hiring elements in coordination with the Iranian and Syrian regimes." The French embassy spokesman said the office manager died of his injuries Saturday night. There was no information on the condition or number of the others reported injured. No French staff were among those injured. The bomb was placed

behind the office, the spokesman said. The blast follows bomb attacks on five French targets in Pakistan last month. Official sources in Karachi say they are questioning Iranian students in connection with the explosions which damaged an office and the home of France's honorary consul in Lahore. France has recently taken a strongly pro-Baghdad stance in the Gulf war. President Francois Mitterrand said in December that Iraq could not be allowed to lose the war and French Foreign Minister Claude Cheysson visited Baghdad last month as part of a tour of Arab states.

## Palestinian, Israeli talks on POW exchange suspended

DAMASCUS (R) — Delicate negotiations on an exchange of prisoners between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) have been suspended, a senior PLO official said Sunday. The official, who declined to be identified, said contacts which the PLO had been holding with Israel through the Austrian government and the International Committee of the Red Cross had "stumbled and stopped." "These contacts have halted with no positive result achieved," he added. The official said a PLO delegation which had been handling the issue had returned to Damascus from Vienna. The PLO said a week ago it was hoping to find out within two days when the exchange might take place. The guerrillas were asking

for the release of some 6,500 Palestinians and Lebanese in exchange for eight Israelis captured in Lebanon last September. About 1,000 of the prisoners the PLO wants are in Israeli jails and the rest are in a prison camp at Ansar in South Lebanon. Meanwhile a pro-Syrian commando group said it was holding separate contacts on a prisoner exchange through the International Red Cross in Damascus. A spokesman for the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command (PFLP-GC), Fadi Shrourou, told reporters that his group refused to take part in any contacts through Austria and would not comply with any agreement reached that way.

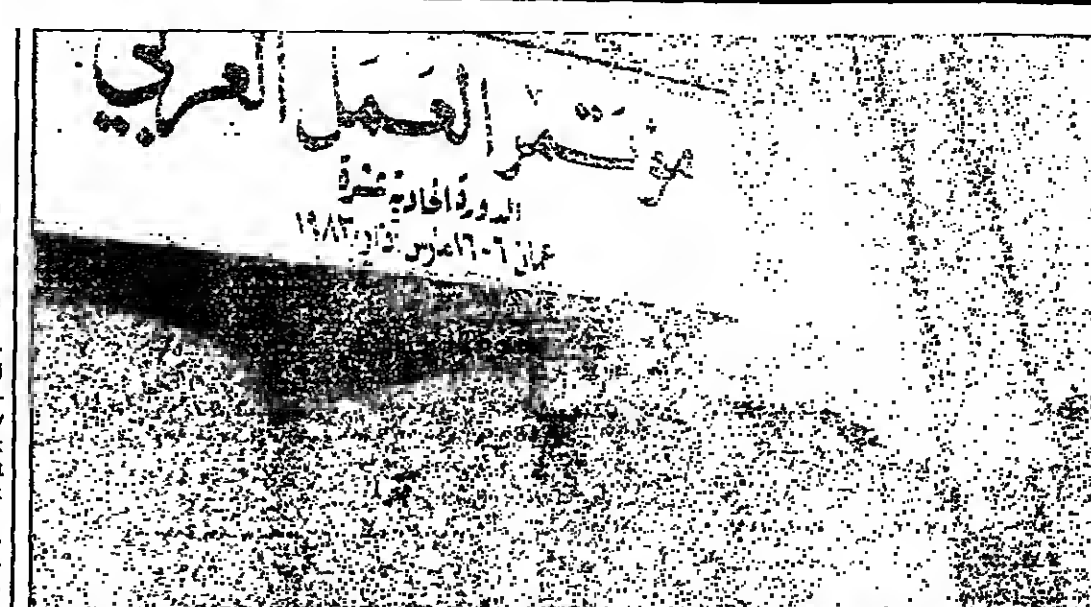
PLO sources have said the PFLP-GC is holding two Israelis and the mainstream Fatah organisation has six. But Mr. Shrourou said the PFLP-GC was holding more than two Israeli prisoners. He declined to give any details and said his group would not allow the Red Cross or anyone else to visit the prisoners it was holding until the Israelis handed over a list of Palestinians taken from the Ansar camp in South Lebanon into Israel. Mr. Shrourou said more than 150 Palestinians, including important PLO figures, had been taken to Israel. He said the PFLP-GC had received a list of 90 names through the International Red Cross but was waiting for more.

## Italy cracks down on mafia clans

PALERMO, Sicily (R) — Police said Sunday they smashed several mafia clans when they arrested 834 suspected gangsters in southern Italy Saturday in a vast operation using 8,700 Paramilitary Carabinieri. Police said they recovered 291 stolen cars and one billion lire (\$715,000) in stolen money, seized 175 shotguns and military rifles and 140 hand guns, and impounded explosives and drugs. Police backed by dogs and helicopters caught 548 people in the act of crimes and arrested 286 on existing warrants. "We struck a hard blow against

organised crime," a police officer said. "We have broken up various clans and struck at the heart of rackets in certain areas of the south." Police were worried Sunday by the news that a man arrested in Sicily last month had secret information compiled by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). The fact that the mafia apparently has access to secret files is disturbing for agents whose lives are already under constant threat, police said. Francesco De Matteo, wanted on a minor charge of aiding and

abetting a mafioso, was arrested in February on his return from visiting relatives in Zurich. Police said he had a photocopy of a confidential DEA document concerning surveillance of suspected drugs traffickers between Italy, Latin America and the United States. After gunmen murdered a general, Carlo Albergo Dalla Alta, in Sicily last September, parliament passed a new anti-mafia law which facilitated Saturday's mass swoop. The new law enables investigators to probe financial links, banks and channels used to launder



His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, inaugurates the 11th Arab Labour Conference in Amman Sunday (Petra photo)

## Hassan opens 11th Arab Labour Conference

### Crown Prince renews call for Arab common labour market

By Afifah A. Kaloti  
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, Sunday stressed the need to implement the constitution of the Arab Labour Organisation (ALO) which aims at the creation of a common Arab labour market. The ALO constitution provides for coordination among Arab states in labour-related issues, and calls for guarantees of trade unions' freedoms and rights, and for the standardisation of Arab labour legislations. Prince Hassan said. These measures, he explained, are bound to facilitate the movement and settlement of Arab labourers in all parts of the Arab World and help all Arab states to achieve the maximum progress and prosperity it aspires to. Prince Hassan was speaking at the opening of the 11th session of the Arab Labour Conference which will last until March 16. Nineteen out of the 21 Arab countries, which comprise the membership of the Arab Labour Organisation (ALO), will attend the 11-day conference at a ministerial level. In his opening speech, Prince Hassan proposed the establishment of an international fund to finance the training of unskilled labourers planning to move to other countries. "Such a fund should be financed by countries which import labour in proportion with the volume of their needs," he explained. Prince Hassan said he had proposed the creation of such a fund at the 63rd International Labour Conference in 1977 when he spoke about the movement of labour force, and on the cooperation between rich and poor nations in relation to such matters. "The country which exports skilled labourers faces the burden of paying for the training of the labour force, and by losing this important element in its economy, the exporting country stands to suffer," Prince Hassan pointed out. Prince Hassan also spoke about Jordan's experience in development, and outlined the government's endeavours in implementing the different development projects which include the establishment of services and basic industries. In its struggle to realise its aspirations, the country has been helped financially by sister Arab nations and their skilled labour force and businessmen and employers, Prince Hassan pointed out. But, he said, the Israeli occupation of the West Bank, the

Gaza Strip and the Golan Heights has impeded Jordan's progress, imposing an additional burden on the country. The Israelis have continuously confiscated Arab property, depriving the Arab inhabitants and labourers of their rights, and is constantly trying to link their economy with that of the West Bank and Gaza, Prince Hassan said. Despite all this Jordan continues both to help the Arab inhabitants under Israeli occupation and to market West Bank agricultural products in Jordan. Furthermore, he said, Jordan is bearing an additional burden in relation to the Palestinians, because the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) has been reducing its services to the refugees and displaced Palestinians. However, he added, this challenge has prompted Jordan to double its efforts aimed at reconstruction and development. Prince Hassan called on the Arabs to increase their support and assistance for the just struggle of the Palestinian people in the face of Israeli aggressive policies. He also reiterated Jordan's total support for the Palestine Liberation Organisation which "we consider the sole and legitimate representative of the Palestinian people." Jordan has invariably honoured its national commitments and provided all possible facilities to restore Arab rights in Palestine, said Prince Hassan. Regarding the Iran-Iraq war, Prince Hassan expressed the hope that the New Delhi non-aligned

summit will pass resolutions to facilitate the ending of the war. Prince Hassan called for further Arab economic cooperation in the face of mounting difficulties resulting from the international economic crisis. Prince Hassan called upon the conferees to focus attention on the needs of Palestinians in the occupied territories by taking practical decisions and outlining steps to defending them against Israeli violations of Arab labour rights. At the ALO opening session, Dr. Jawad Al Anani, minister of labour, also delivered a speech in which he said: "It is a great honour for this conference to have royal patronage, which comes in recognition of the conference's importance and in support of its ambitions for a future where all humans will be honoured and respected." He pointed out that all the agenda subjects to be discussed are interrelated, "we are determined to debate objectively as one nation, and by taking into account the diversity of opinions we hope to achieve the optimum answers." "All labour groups in Jordan, everyone who helped organise the conference and its participants are very anxious to make sure that it fulfills its aspirations," he said. The ALO is also attended by 300 delegates from the International Labour Organisation (ILO), the Federation of Arab Trade Unions, the Federation of Arab Chambers of Commerce, the Arab League and the Organisation of African Unity (OAU).

## Hussein arrives in New Delhi

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein and the accompanying Jordanian delegation arrived in New Delhi Sunday to participate in the seventh non-aligned summit scheduled to begin Monday. King Hussein was met at the airport by Indian President Zail Singh and high ranking Indian officials. King Hussein is accompanied by Prime Minister Mudar Badran, Chief of the Royal Court Ahmad Al Lawzi, Court Minister Amer Khammash and Information Minister Adnan Abu Odeh. Foreign Minister Marwan Al Qasem will join the delegation in the Indian capital.

## Mubarak attacks PLO

CAIRO (R) — President Hosni Mubarak has attacked the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) for what he called its interference in Egyptian affairs. "I will never accept their (PLO) interference in our internal affairs... it is totally rejected," Mr. Mubarak said. Any prospects for a meeting in New Delhi between Mr. Mubarak and PLO leader Yasser Arafat faded as a result of the president's remarks. Mr. Mubarak, speaking to Egyptian parliamentarians Saturday, was quoted by the semi-official newspaper Al-Ahram as saying: "Some Palestinian leaders are trying to drive a wedge between the government and the Egyptian people by urging the PLO to promote relations with Egypt's national forces." Mr. Mubarak reminded PLO leaders of the presence in Egypt of more than 45,000 Palestinians, including students and merchants. "I will order anyone who attacks Egypt," Mr. Mubarak was quoted by Al-Ahram as saying. Commenting on reports from New Delhi of a possible meeting to be held there by Mr. Mubarak and Mr. Arafat, the paper said: "President Mubarak is not seeking a meeting with anybody." In Delhi, Mr. Mubarak is expected to discuss Middle East peace efforts with other non-aligned leaders. He has already announced his support for President Reagan's peace initiative.

## U.S. making 'incredible fuss' about Soviet missiles in Syria, says Pravda

MOSCOW (R) — Pravda said Sunday the United States was making an "incredible fuss" about the siting of Soviet-made air defence missile systems in Syria and accused Washington of wanting to keep its troops in Lebanon. The Communist Party daily said U.S. complaints about the new surface-to-air missile batteries reflected a double standard in viewing the requirements of Israel on

the one hand and Arab countries on the other. "The former is allowed to have any weapons it wants and there are no obstacles to delivery," it said. "But when it comes to the defence needs of the countries opposed to Israel, victims of its aggression, the U.S. makes an incredible fuss." U.S. officials say four batteries

of SAM-5 missiles have been set up in Syria and are manned by about 800 Soviet personnel. They voiced concern that this could mean that future fighting in the region would turn into a super-power crisis. Pravda made no comment on the U.S. reports that Soviet military were manning the missile sites and gave no details about the equipment involved.

## Moderate turnout at French elections

PARIS (R) — Watched closely by both President Francois Mitterrand's 21-month-old Socialist government and opposition parties for signs of public sentiment, French voters Sunday began choosing municipal councils that will manage their local affairs for the next six years. First reports from polling stations indicated a moderate turnout among some 36 million eligible voters to select from more than 1.5 million candidates, including most cabinet ministers. Council seats in all of the country's 36,433 villages, towns and cities are at stake. The two-round election—the second round takes place next Sunday—follows a tough, two-month campaign by left- and right-wing political groupings. The results, particularly from the 221 cities which have populations over 30,000, are seen by both left and right as a referendum on Socialist policies.

The "message" from the electorate, combined with the results of Sunday's West German elections, could prove crucial for the immediate fate of the French franc, twice devalued since Mr. Mitterrand came to power in 1981 and again under heavy pressure. Polls were closing Sunday between five and eight p.m. (1600 and 1900 GMT), depending on area and first results were expected shortly after the last ones shut. A victory in Sunday's West German general election by Chancellor Helmut Kohl's conservative coalition is expected by financial experts here to strengthen confidence in that country's much heal their economy. While the French Central Bank was spending heavily last week to support the franc in the European Monetary System (EMS), Prime Minister Pierre Mauroy twice issued denials that there would be a third devaluation in less than two years.

But the financial experts said the return of Chancellor Kohl's government would increase pressure for an EMS adjustment. The French government is expected to introduce new austerity measures soon to curb a soaring trade deficit and bring inflation down from its current annual rate of 10 per cent. But an effective vote of censure for the Socialist and Communist majority in central government in the municipal elections would probably force Mr. Mitterrand to modify his plans and give some ground to a section of the Socialist Party calling for import curbs and deflation. The Gaullist RPR Party, led by Paris Mayor Jacques Chirac, and the UDF centrist grouping, whose figurehead is former President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, have been calling on the electorate to "deliver a warning" to the government, which does not face parliamentary elections again until 1986.

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## Arab League finance committee meeting March 14

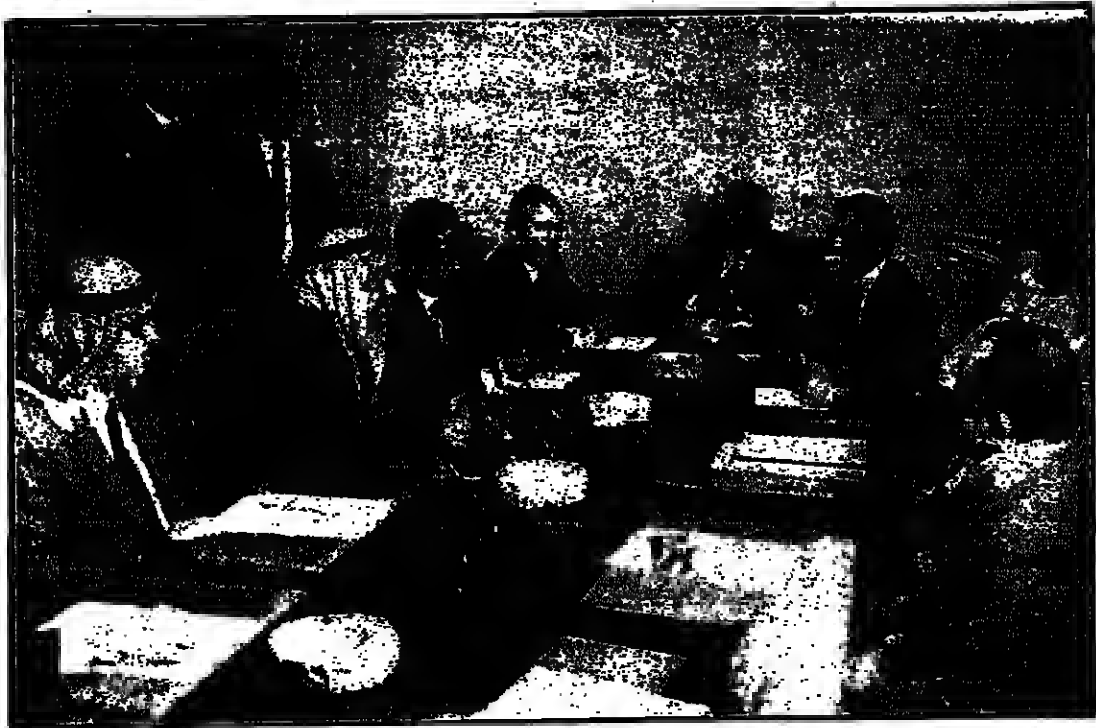
AMMAN (Petra) — Jordan will take part in the meetings of the Arab League's Administrative and Financial Standing Committee which are expected to start in Tunis on March 14.

The committee will discuss, during its week-long meetings, a number of subjects connected with the Arab League's financial position, a request by the Lebanese government to be exempt from paying its contribution to the Arab League's general budget for the current year, the Arab League's contribution to the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and a number of other topics. Jordan's delegation consists of two senior officials attached to the Jordanian embassy in Tunisia.

## AOAD receives Jordan's subs

AMMAN (Petra) — The Ministry of Agriculture is transferring the sum of \$49,295 to the Arab Organisation for Agricultural Development (AOAD) in Tunis which represents Jordan's subscription to the AOAD.

On Saturday, the Arab League secretariat in Tunisia said that it received a transfer of \$110,500 from Jordan. This forms the first instalment of Jordan's financial contribution to the construction of the new Arab League building in Tunis. A secretariat announcement said that Jordan was the first Arab country to pay a part of its commitment for this project. Jordan's total contribution to the project amounts to \$331,500 which will be paid in three instalments. The total estimated cost of the building is \$3 million.



Representatives from the Friends of Salt Society, based in Kuwait, Sunday sign an agreement to build

a cultural centre in Salt to be paid for by the society (Petra photo).

## Kuwaitis to build Salt centre

AMMAN (Petra) — An agreement was signed at the Housing Bank Sunday to establish a cultural centre in Salt, some 25 kilometres west of Amman. The project is to be carried out by the Friends of Salt Society (FSS) in Kuwait, and will be implemented by the Kuwaiti Al Nasiriah Construction Company.

Following the signing ceremony, FSS President Abdul Rahman Al Atiqi said that the project illustrates the true and strong ties existing between the Kuwaiti and Jordanian peoples. The Kuwaiti people believe in sparing no efforts for the sake of reconstructing the Arab homeland, Mr. Atiqi said. He added that the project will be financed by the FSS's members in Kuwait which represents a token of friendship between the two countries.

Mr. Atiqi, who is economic adviser to the Emir of Kuwait, said that the cultural centre envisaged in the plan will be constructed in the traditional architectural style existing in Salt, and expressed his appreciation to all those who had so far assisted with the project. Also speaking on the occasion was the Salt Development Cooperation (SDC) Board of Directors Chairman Jas'far Al Shami who paid tribute to the close and

friendly ties existing between the Jordanian and Kuwaiti peoples. He also thanked the FSS for financing the project.

The signing ceremony was attended by the Kuwaiti ambassador to Jordan, Ibrahim Al Baho, Housing Bank Director-General Zuhair Khouri, Salt Mayor Abdul Razzak Nsoor and several SDC members.

After the ceremony Dr. Nsoor told the Jordan News Agency, Petra, that the people of Salt are deeply grateful to the Kuwaitis for their support and their development projects.

The project will comprise of a cultural, social, educational and sports complex, with a hall seating a potential audience of 2,500, which can be used for seminars, lectures and as a theatre. The complex will have a public library, a vocational school and a mosque, Dr. Nsoor added.

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## TIME NEWS

### IDB to finance new development projects

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Jeddah-based Islamic Development Bank (IDB) has decided to help finance the Jordanian maritime line and its timber projects, according to Finance Minister Salem Masa'deh.

Speaking on returning to Amman from a meeting in Jeddah of the bank's board of governors, Mr. Masa'deh said that discussion also centred on Jordanian projects which are being partly financed by IDB and those in which it will participate once the feasibility studies have been completed. Such projects include the greater Amman sewerage project, the national water supply network, Al Shidi'eh phosphates and the Jordan cement programme, Mr. Masa'deh said.

He said that the IDB governors, at their meeting which opened on March 1, reviewed the bank's activities and achievements in the Arab and Islamic nations, and endorsed a future plan of action.

IDB, established in 1975, has 42 members from Arab and Islamic countries. The major share holders are Saudi Arabia (26.22 per cent), Libya (16.38), the United Arab Emirates (14.42) and Kuwait (13.11).

Accompanying the finance minister to the Jeddah meeting was a team from the Central Bank of Jordan led by its Governor Mohammad Sa'id Al Nabulsi.

### Meeting debates street selling

AMMAN (Petra) — Activities of the Amman business community were reviewed at a meeting Sunday attended by Amman Mayor

Abdul Ra'ouf Al Rawabdeh and Amman Chamber of Commerce council members.

The municipality will shortly assign a plot of land for street vendors who will have to pay licence fees in accordance with municipal regulations, Mr. Rawabdeh said. He added that a team of engineers are currently handling the problem of street pavements especially those directly in front of existing stores.

Both sides at the meeting expressed their readiness to launch close cooperation with the purpose of increasing and improving the level of public services in Amman.

During the meeting the council members representing the city traders submitted a number of demands.

### Welfare fund to provide JD 10,000 for Madaba schemes

AMMAN (Petra) — Projects to be carried out in Madaba by the Queen Alia Jordan Welfare Fund (QAJWF) were discussed at a meeting here Sunday in which the Madaba Mayor Ahmad Al Azaidh participated. A spokesman for the QAJWF committee responsible for overseeing the projects said that several working papers had been discussed by the committee members dealing with the proposed schemes.

The projects, to be implemented in Madaba, include a children's garden, and a centre for promoting the cultural and educational standards of women in the Madaba district. The overall cost of these projects will be about JD 10,000, the spokesman said.

### King Talal Dam gates opened

AMMAN (Petra) — As a result of continuous rain-fall, the King Talal Dam is overflowing with water, and its gates have been opened to allow surplus water to flow in to the valley and surrounding fields below, according to a statement issued by the Public Security Department. The statement asked people not to go near the Zarqa River close to the dam and the River Jordan.

### Irbid to boost water supply

IRBID (Petra) — Irbid's water supply is to be boosted by a daily amount of 4,000 cubic metres raising its daily share to 27,000 cubic metres, according to a new project carried out by the Water Supply Corporation (WSC).

According to Mr. Rizk Ghazwan, deputy director of the WSC's branch here, four new artesian wells in Al 'Aqab region have been connected by 24-inch pipes to the Irbid Governorate to meet its growing water requirements especially in the summer.

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The children of Amman celebrate yet another snowbound day off school in characteristic fashion (Photo by Youssef Al 'Allan)

### Winter's worst depression begins to subside slowly

AMMAN (J.T.) — The depression which has affected the country over the past few days is the deepest of the winter, according to Dr. Ali Abanda, director of the Amman meteorological department. However, because it has now moved eastwards passed Turkey, weather conditions should improve, he added.

He also said that, as from Sunday evening, the effect of the depression will gradually recede, snow and rain will cease and temperatures will rise by Monday.

Meanwhile, Al Ra'i newspaper reported Sunday that four people were seriously hurt in the Amman area and tens of vehicles were damaged in the snow storm of the previous 24 hours.

An announcement by the Amman Municipality said that a

special committee has been formed to inspect areas damaged by the storm. This committee will tour various parts of Amman to make an estimation of the damage, and will also recommend measures to be taken to avoid such a recurrence. A spokesman for the municipality said that its workmen Sunday morning started work on clearing roads and culverts.

In Irbid, Governor Abed Khaldoun said that local authorities have taken all necessary measures to deal with any emergency in view of the snow storm. He said snow ploughs and other street cleaning equipment have been used by the public works service and the armed forces to remove snow and repair roads. Fortunately there were sufficient fuel supplies for heating and there were no reports of damage to property, Daoudieh said.

He also said that cooperation with the armed forces enabled the local authorities to speedily to reopen roads leading to Jerash, Irbid, Mafrak, Sakeb and Ajloun, and work is underway to reopen the Amman-Jerash road which was blocked by a landslide.

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## ECONOMY

## Key OPEC ministers look for compromise agreement

LONDON (R) — A key group of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) ministers is meeting Sunday, to discuss proposals that could bring a compromise agreement to halt the oil price slide when all 13 members of the organisation gather in London Monday.

OPEC faced with an oil glut that has more than halved its world sales, is trying to avert competitive price cuts that could lead to even lower incomes.

Ministers from eight member states have already spent four days in consultations, with few positive signs of progress but repeated expressions of confidence that the beleaguered organisation will find a way out of its difficulties.

They were joined Saturday night by a delegation from Iran, Tehran had said earlier that the London talks, aimed at reducing the now unworkable \$34 a barrel official oil price, were an attempt to weaken Iran's position while it pursued its war against Saudi Arabia's Iraqi allies.

Economic recession and efforts by consumers to conserve fuel have combined to cut OPEC's output to less than 14 million barrels a day after a 1981 peak of over 30 million.

The organisation is contemplating a price cut for the first time in its 23-year history. Conference sources said the ministers were discussing possibly lowering the official price to about \$29 a barrel and reducing production by at least one million barrels from the current ceiling of

18.5 million barrels a day. Members have for some months been trading accusations of secret price cutting as a means of maintaining exports.

Nigeria, which has built up heavy debts to finance an ambitious development plan, last month breached OPEC-set levels by slashing \$5.5 off the price of its crude.

The arrival of the Iranian delegation raised hopes of progress towards a compromise. It has so far held out against a reduction in the official OPEC price.

Iran has countered charges of under-the-counter discounting by saying that any deals below the official OPEC price were meant to compensate buyers for the high cost of war insurance imposed on Iranian shipments.

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Conference sources said they could not see the Gulf states going along with an unconfirmed proposal, reported Sunday by a London newspaper, that Iran may be allowed to set its price \$2 below official levels.

The wealthy Gulf states have threatened to match the official Nigerian price cut and unofficial discounting by others if no quick OPEC-wide agreement is reached.

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LONDON (AFP) — Oil prices could shoot up again by 1986 in a stronger market requiring OPEC producers to nearly double present production to almost maximum capacity.

In the last 10 years the price has risen by 556 per cent. Barrel of Arabian light oil cost \$2.9 in June 1973, \$5.18 in November 1973, \$11.65 January 1974, \$12.09 in January 1977, \$18 in July 1979, \$26 in February 1980, and has been \$34 since October 1981.

TEL AVIV (R) — Israel's government-employed doctors renewed their general strike Sunday after weekend negotiations with employers broke down.

The 8,500 doctors are demanding 100 per cent increases for physicians in government hospitals and health fund clinics. They claim their pay of 14,000 to 22,000 shekels (\$370-\$580) is below the average monthly wage of 23,000 shekels (\$600).

The treasury has refused to offer the doctors any more than the 22 per cent rise agreed earlier this year for other public sector workers.

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## Iraq seeks \$120m loan

BAHRAIN (R) — Iraq, anxious to boost oil exports to rebuild its war-depleted reserves, is seeking a \$120 million international loan to finance expansion of its pipeline across Turkey, banking sources here said.

The pipeline, to the Mediterranean port of Ceyhan, has been Iraq's sole means of exporting its crude since the war with Iran forced closure of its Gulf export terminals.

Syria, which backs Iran in the 2½ year old conflict, has closed a pipeline across its territory to Iraq.

This lack of outlets has slashed Iraq's crude exports to around 600,000 barrels per day (b/d), less than one-fifth the pre-war level.

Iraq's deputy prime minister, Mr. Tariq Aziz, told Reuters in Baghdad last month that the capacity of the trans-Turkey pipeline had been increased by 10 per cent from a rated level of 650,000 b/d by the use of chemicals.

An agreement just concluded with Turkey would raise it further to around one million b/d, he said.

Iraq is also considering building a new pipeline across Saudi Arabia to the Red Sea.

With a capacity of more than one million b/d, the pipeline could cost more than \$2 billion and take two to three years to build, Mr. Aziz said.

He said this project was not viewed as a war expedient but as a long-term venture to cope with possibly increased Iraqi output after the current oil market glut, which could exceed the pre-war level of 3.5 million b/d.

But key Republicans on the Senate tax and budget committees now believe the decline in market oil prices and an expected drop in official prices by the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) has provided a unique chance to impose the taxes with a minimum of political damage.

Opposition Democrats, who control the House of Representatives, have so far avoided serious public discussion of energy tax issues.

The Democrats prefer to let the Republican-controlled Senate and White House take the lead and the political heat.

Privately, some key House Democrats say they would consider energy taxes if Republicans advanced such proposals, but they see energy taxes strictly as revenue-raising devices and not as measures justified by energy security or conservation concerns.

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## Reagan promises Americans powerful, sustained recovery

KLAMATH FALLS, Oregon (R) — President Reagan Saturday promised Americans a powerful and sustained recovery from recession as a result of his conservative economic plan. "I know that times are still very difficult," he said here.

"We are not out of the woods yet. But our recovery is... coming on strong and I believe it will be powerful and sustained," he added.

Mr. Reagan, who was speaking to lumber industry executives, came to this pine mill town to hear first hand about the severe problems in the lumber business caused by a long recession in the housing industry.

He said he was confident of a recovery because wages, car sales and home building were on the rise, while inflation, interest rates and unemployment were falling.

"We have... gone back to the basic rules... based on common sense business practices," he said.

Earlier Mr. Reagan had said farewell in San Francisco to Britain's Queen Elizabeth, who flew this morning to California's Yosemite national park.

The president and his wife had celebrated their 31st wedding anniversary by staying overnight on the royal yacht Britannia.

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## Problems of increasing efficiency of Soviet economy

By Gennady Pisarevsky

MOSCOW (APN) — Practically all the economic problems of Soviet society are now centred, directly or indirectly, upon increasing the efficiency of production and the national economy as a whole.

In the sphere of material production, for example, the Soviet Union has been building more for many years in a row than any other country in the world. But the USSR is not getting returns on the enormous capital investments it would like to get.

However, the production assets of the economy are already worth two billion roubles (\$3b) and a mere one per cent increase in returns, that is, by one kopeck per rouble means an increase in the production of material wealth

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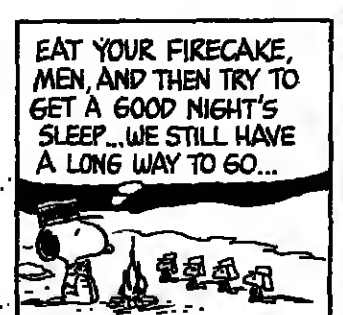
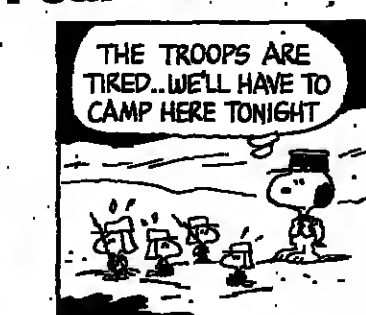
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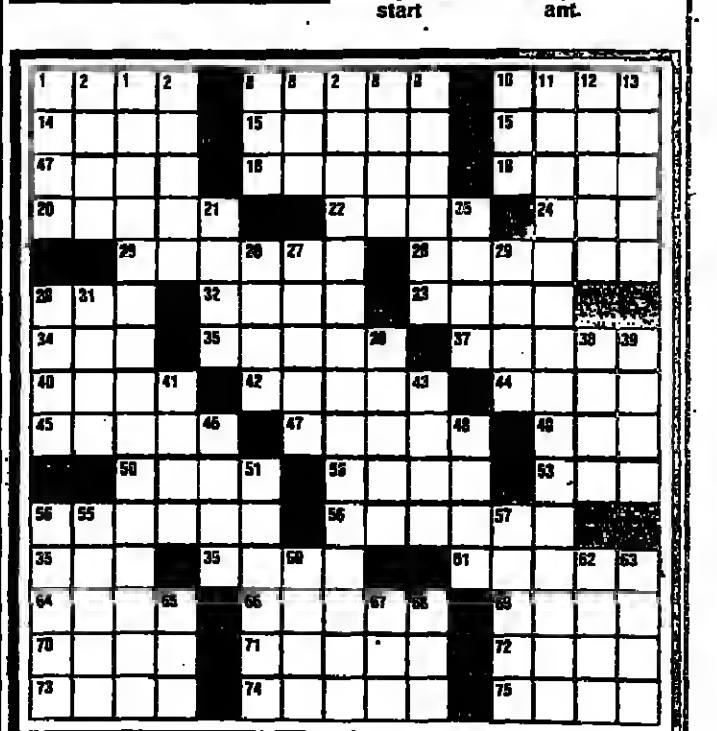


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## WORLD

## Hawke businesslike after victory

SYDNEY (R) — Australia's second Labour Party government since 1949 should be formed and ruling by the end of this week. Prime Minister-elect Bob Hawke said Sunday.

Former Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser, whose conservative coalition government suffered a crushing 5.5-per-cent swing against it in Saturday's general election, said in a statement he would formally resign later Sunday.

Mr. Hawke told a news conference in Canberra that he expected the handover of power to be completed next Friday when the new government would be sworn in.

Voting was still going on Sunday, but the electoral office said Labour was assured of a majority of at least 20 and probably 25 seats in the 125-seat Lower House compared with the outgoing Fraser government's 21-seat advantage.

The Senate, Parliament's watchdog upper chamber, will remain evenly divided with the balance of power held by the small Democratic Party which is sympathetic to most Labour policies.

Mr. Hawke, elected on a promise to unite the nation and attack an unemployment rate of 10.4 per cent and an annual inflation rate of 11 per cent, said he would announce his cabinet after a party meeting on Thursday.

Questioned on foreign policy, he said Bill Hayden, the man he replaced as Labour leader a month ago on the day Mr. Fraser called the snap election, would be foreign minister.

One of his priorities would be to establish a good working relationship with the Indonesian government as soon as possible, he said, and Mr. Hayden would make an early visit to Jakarta.

The Labour Party has condemned Indonesia's annexation in 1975 of the former Portuguese colony, East Timor, but Mr. Hawke said: "We will be trying to re-establish strong constructive relations with Indonesia."

He said he foresaw no problems in continuing close relations with the United States, particularly over the use of Australian bases by American forces.

He also said he had no immediate plans to withdraw a small Australian contingent from the Sinai peacekeeping force but said the matter would be reviewed because it was not run by the United Nations.

CANBERRA (R) — Bob Hawke, a shirt-sleeved populist with great oratorical skills and charm, captured Australia's highest office only a month after assuming the leadership of the Labour Party.

Mr. Hawke, untied at government, entered parliament only three years ago after a long and successful career as leader of the Australian Council of Trade Unions (ACTU).

His prominent role in settling every major Labour dispute in the country during the 1970s earned him the nickname of Australia's

"second" prime minister, while his public battle with alcoholism and his commitment to improving the lot of the average worker made him an Australian folk hero.

As prime minister for the next three years, Mr. Hawke, 53, will have to draw on all his legendary negotiating skills and personal popularity to pull the country out of its worst recession since World War II.

Mr. Hawke pinned Labour's campaign on a promise to conclude a social compact between unions, management and government to reduce Australia's 10 per cent unemployment rate and 11 per cent inflation, and revive the once-booming economy.

His rapport with the unions will be put to the test when he takes over the reins of government from Mr. Malcolm Fraser.

The campaign revealed as much about his personality differences as their conflicting attitudes toward the unions.

Mr. Hawke, scoring suits for shirtsleeves, scored points with his fist-waving oratory and promises of tax cuts and more power for workers.

Mr. Fraser, sombre in grey-pin striped suits and speaking in his habitual monotone, described Labour promises as union-dominated economic folly which would bankrupt many businesses.

Mr. Fraser, the second-longest serving prime minister in the country's history, also called the Labour leader a "madman".

The climax of the campaign came when Mr. Fraser told voters their money would be safer under the bed than in the bank if Labour were elected. But Mr. Hawke drew laughter by retorting the prime minister had always said the Communists hid there.

Another highlight of the campaign was Mrs. Fraser's public admission that she, like many of Australia's women voters, found Mr. Hawke "sexy".

Mr. Hawke's good looks and reputation as a ladies' man are part of his strong populist appeal.

The son of a rural preacher, Mr. Hawke entered the Guinness Book of Records for drinking two and a half pints of beer (almost 1.5 litres) in 12 seconds at Oxford University, where he studied on a Rhodes scholarship.

Later, Mr. Hawke gave up alcohol, modified his earthy language, and entered parliament for the first time in 1980 after an earlier attempt in 1963 failed.

His reputation as both an intellectual and down-to-earth moderate bringing him support from both left-wing union leaders as well as from some employers who admire his ability to negotiate an end to crippling strikes.

Mr. Hawke has said he lost some of his radicalism over the years and now believes only "consensus politics" can achieve success in present economic conditions.

## Old Assam killings now found out

MANGALDAI, India (R) — Mobs killed at least 190 people, mostly immigrant Muslims from Bangladesh, during two days of violence last month in the northeastern Indian state of Assam, a police official has said.

Unofficial estimates put the death toll at 500 in this latest incident of massacre in Assam.

The massacre occurred on Feb. 14 and 15 during voting in state elections that turned out to be the bloodiest in India.

At least 2,600 people were officially estimated to have died and tens of thousands were made homeless around the time of the election when militant Assamese campaigned for illegal immigrants to be deported from the state.

The official said the latest massacre took place on a virtually inaccessible river island about 25 kilometres from here. Children and old men were among the victims.

He said indigenous Assamese Hindus raided 13 villages on the Chaulkhowa Chapor Island apparently to avenge attacks by Muslim inhabitants.

The state has been calm since troops moved into trouble spots in central Brahmaputra Valley last Tuesday with powers to make searches and arrests without warrant and seize arms.

Mangaldai in Darrang district has been a major trouble spot since police shot dead 16 people early last month in the run-up to the elections.

The Indian Express newspaper quoted survivors of the island massacre as saying thousands of Assamese Hindus mounted the assault after destroying bridges and setting up roadblocks to prevent police reaching the area.

The paper said the island's inhabitants tried to resist but were heavily outnumbered by the Assamese, who were armed with bows and arrows and spears.

The Express said the authorities did not learn about the killings for some time because most of the survivors fled to remote villages.

## Playwright buried in St. Louis

ST LOUIS, Missouri (R) — Playwright Tennessee Williams was buried Saturday in St. Louis, the city where he spent his boyhood and young manhood.

The author, who was found dead in a New York hotel room last week at the age of 71, was interred next to his mother, Edwina Dakin Williams, after a Roman Catholic funeral mass.

More than 1,000 people attended the service, at which Williams was honoured as a poet of compassion.

The Rev. Jerome Wilkerson said: "He would seem to have remained all his life among the walking wounded... he did a lot of dying."

Friday night Broadway theatre-goers observed a minute of silence for him.

## Tokyo press builds up coup rumour

TOKYO (R) — A Tokyo newspaper has quoted an unidentified air force officer as saying that members of the Japanese armed forces plotted a coup against the government in 1980, but that the plot was foiled by military police.

A front page report Saturday in the Tokyo Shimbun follows a government denial on Wednesday of similar allegations to parliament.

A minority party member had claimed that about 10,000 troops, sailors and airmen were involved in a plot to bomb the prime minister's residence with napalm and occupy Parliament.

Chief Cabinet Secretary Masaharu Gotoda told reporters Saturday night that the government would not investigate the newspaper's report as it had already gone into the earlier allegation.

The report quoted the officer as saying in an interview that some army officers initially proposed the coup in 1977. Navy and air force officers joined in later.

The officer was reported to have said the group, comprising about 180 senior army, navy and air force officers, planned to arrest leaders of the government as well of the ruling and opposition parties and put Tokyo under martial law.

## Delhi summit: Display of strength, weakness

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NEW DELHI — The non-aligned summit which India steers from Monday has grown into a cumbersome, lumbering giant since its first meeting 22 years ago.

But while membership has mushroomed along with internal disputes, the broad aims of the seventh summit in New Delhi are the same — disarmament and a better economic deal for the world's poor.

Only 25 members were in Belgrade in 1961 when one of the movement's founders, Yugoslav President Josip Broz Tito, staged the first summit. India's Prime Minister Indira Gandhi will preside over 101 delegations this week.

Ghana's President Kwame Nkrumah defined non-alignment at the Belgrade meeting as "a moral force which should become a factor of equilibrium."

President Tito raised the problems of economic relations between newly-independent members and the West.

Peaceful coexistence and disarmament were stressed at the summit, held against a background of East-West crisis. Less than a year later the world was brought to the brink of nuclear war over the Cuban missile crisis.

The next summit, with 47 delegations present, was held in 1964 in Cairo. It marked the growing importance of Egypt and Africa in the movement and helped bring world attention to the Palestinian cause.

The 1962 border war between India and China caused divisions in the movement, still heavily intent on obliterating the remnants of the colonial era.

The Cairo summit called on non-aligned countries to be vigilant against "interference by economically advanced foreign states in the internal affairs of newly-independent countries."

It laid down five conditions for admission to the movement, including strong support for national liberation movements and on military alliances within the context of great power conflicts.

By the third summit, in Lusaka in 1970, the attendance had grown to 54. In the six years since Cairo, the Vietnam War had become a major issue.

The Lusaka summit concentrated on Vietnam and the Arab-Israeli conflict following the 1967 Middle East war. It also highlighted nationalist struggles in southern Africa.

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## Barbed wire, marigolds circle conference centre

NEW DELHI (R) — Barbed wire and marigolds ring New Delhi's closely-guarded conference centre where kings, presidents and prime ministers will meet for Monday's non-aligned summit.

Delhi's broad, tree-lined avenues, laid out in the days of British rule, are draped with bunting and flags. Sprays of flowers decorate arches along the route from the airport to welcome the leaders.

But the carnival atmosphere contrasts sharply with the biggest security operation India has mounted for an international gathering.

Barricades of barbed wire have been set up on all approaches to the conference centre. Armed troops and police peer from behind bushes along the roads brimming with fresh blooms.

The gleaming white Vigyan Bhawan (House of Knowledge) conference hall has been cordoned off by Indian commandos bristling with automatic weapons.

Four luxury hotels reserved for foreign delegations have been turned into virtual fortresses. The public has been barred from the duration of the conference and marksmen have been stationed on nearby buildings.

More than 1,500 journalists from all over the world have poured into New Delhi for the summit.

When the Iraqi delegation objected to the carpet in the foyer of one hotel because its pattern resembled Israel's star of David, the management hastily replaced it.

One hotel has arranged for Arab music to be piped into rooms. Restaurants have been stocked with choice French wines, caviar and champagne.

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The Indian government has clamped restrictions on possible trouble makers. Officials said about 50 Iranians and Afghans in the capital had been banned from moving around the city during the conference.

Newsman complain about being barred from the conference hall.

## Lovesick sexton inspires lottery sales marathon in Italian town

TORRE ANNUNZIATA, Italy (R) — A church sexton who tried to knife his priest in a quarrel about a woman set off a boom in lottery sales in this town near Naples.

Police rushed to the church of Immacolata on Wednesday evening when parishioners reported that 60-year-old Sexton Giovanni Astarita was chasing Father Giovanni Manzoni round the altar with a knife.

They told reporters they arrived just in time to stay the sexton's hand as he pinned the priest, also 60, against the wall.

Zambian President Kenneth Kaunda defined the concept of non-alignment as "unity in diversity."

The Algiers summit in 1973 was attended by 75 countries representing more than half the world's population.

It issued an action programme of economic development and demanded a new international economic and information order — demands that persist a decade later.

Algerian President Houari Boumedienne declared: "The security for our countries will inevitably come via economic liberation."

The fifth summit in Colombo in 1976 had 86 countries present. Ideological divisions were more apparent both because of the size of the movement and the complexity of developments in the Middle East, Asia and Africa.

The emergence of Communist governments in Indochina and Cuba's military support for Angola stirred bitter arguments among non-aligned members.

And the international economic situation had deteriorated with the energy crisis hitting rich and poor countries.

The Castro syndrome

The 1979 Havana summit gave the chairmanship to Cuba's President Fidel Castro. He saw the Soviet Union as the actual ally of the movement and tried to take it on a more radical course.

A total of 95 member countries attended the Havana meeting and some of their decisions were to spill over to New Delhi.

One was to keep the Kampuchean seat vacant because of a lack of consensus. The outcome was to deprive the ousted Khmer Rouge government, recognised by the United Nations, of the seat.

Opponents of the Vietnamese-backed government in Phnom Penh, loudly raised the issue in New Delhi. They charged that the Havana decision was made unilaterally by Cuba and that it set a dangerous precedent.

They broadened the debate by arguing that the movement needed to carry out a thorough review of what happened at Havana and to investigate the criteria and procedures for spending or expelling any member.

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

## Poll says Reagan should not re-run

NEW YORK (R) — A majority of Americans, 57 per cent, do not want President Reagan to run for re-election, according to a New-sweek poll. The poll of 1,006 people, conducted by Gallup for News-week magazine last week, gave vice President George Bush the strongest support among Republicans as their presidential candidate if Mr. Reagan did not run.

## Italian magistrate arrives in Sofia

VIENNA (R) — The Italian magistrate conducting investigations into an international arms and heroin network based in Trento arrived in Sofia Saturday, the official Bulgarian BTA news agency reported. Magistrate Carlo Palermo said he had come to Bulgaria to interrogate Bekir Celenk, a Turk for whom an international warrant has been issued in Italy on charges of heading an organisation involved in arms and drug smuggling throughout the world. The director of the BTA news agency, Boyan Traikov, told journalists Mr. Celenk was under the control of Bulgarian authorities, meaning he was at liberty but not allowed to leave the country.

India to buy 30 more Jaguars

NEW DELHI (R) — India has agreed to buy about 30 more Anglo-French Jaguars to strengthen its fleet of strike aircraft, informed sources said. They said the agreement was signed recently by the Indian defence ministry and British Aerospace, makers of the deep-penetration strike aircraft. The sources said the planes would be delivered in knock-down condition for assembly in India. The deal would increase the number of Jaguars in the Indian Air Force to around 115.

Pakistani survivors not prosecuted

KARACHI (R) — Nearly 40 followers of a Muslim girl saint followed with her into the ocean in tin boxes after she assured them her spiritual powers would carry them all to the shores of Iraq. Shia Muslim sources said Saturday. But 18 of the Pakistanis, including the 18-year-old holy girl Nasim Fatimah, died in the sea near Karachi. Their bodies were later found by police and coastguards. The sources said 20 survivors of the bizarre pilgrimage had now flown to Baghdad to visit holy shrines in Iraq at the expense of a local philanthropist. Pakistan authorities said earlier they might be charged with attempted suicide.

Capsized Chinese ferry re-floated

PEKING (R) — A river ferry which overturned near Canton last Tuesday with the loss of about 150 lives has been refloated and 79 bodies have been recovered, a local newspaper reported. The Yangcheng Evening News said in Saturday's edition that divers had worked day and night to pull out the bodies. Eighty-six people were rescued from the ferry, Red Star 312, which overturned in a storm on the West River at Sanshui, 70 kilometres from Canton. More than 220 people were aboard, but the exact number was not known because young children did not have to buy tickets.

China to rejoin ILO in June

GENEVA (R) — China, which plans to resume its participation in the International Labour Organisation (ILO) in June after a 34-year absence, will take Canada's place among the 10 permanent members of the ILO's governing body. The ILO said in a statement it had agreed on a new list of the 10 states having permanent seats on the governing body, which groups 28 government members, 14 employer members and 14 worker members. As part of its agreement to return to the ILO, of which it was a founding member in 1919, Peking will not have to pay the \$36.4 million it owes the ILO in unpaid membership fees.

## Warsaw arrests leading Solidarity official

WARSAW (R) — Police have arrested a prominent official of the banned Solidarity union in Warsaw as authorities pursue a campaign against national and local activists 14 months after the military crackdown.

The detention of journalist Jan Malachowski, 58, on Wednesday was carried out as reports reached Warsaw of action against other union figures in different parts of the country.

Mr. Malachowski's wife, who is paralysed and requires her husband's help to eat and move around, quoted a lawyer as telling her that he was formally arrested on Friday evening. She did not know

what charges were preferred against him.

Apart from a case against seven main Solidarity leaders and a trial expected to open within the next month of five members of the KOR dissident movement, which was associated with the union, numerous cases are under way against lesser members.

Mr. Malachowski, a member of the union's national commission and deputy chairman of the Warsaw region's watchdog body the review commission, was taken from his home on Wednesday evening after police searched it.

Mr. Malachowski, an employee of the state broadcasting service,

was interned with thousands of other Solidarity officials when the military took over in Dec. 1981 and held for four months. During that time he suffered a minor heart attack and has since been retired from work.

Mrs. Malachowski said he was questioned at home about who he had been meeting recently but refused to answer.

Government officials have said the fight against "political opposition" will go on for years.

Solidarity sources in Katowice said the provincial court in the southern industrial city sentenced a former union activist there to three years in prison last week for

setting up an underground organising committee under martial law.

The sources said he had been tried not with union activity but with setting up a criminal gang.

Five Solidarity officials went on trial in the northern town of Elblag on Thursday charged with causing a disturbance at an internment camp in Kwidzyn, north of Bydgoszcz, last summer.

The trial of Anna Walentynowicz, a former welder and crane driver who was a symbolic figure in the early formative days of Solidarity, is due to start on Wednesday in Gdansk, about 200 km northeast of Warsaw.

## Whereabouts of Joshua Nkomo mysterious

HARARE (R) — The Bulawayo home of opposition leader Joshua Nkomo has been ransacked and there are bloodstains in a staff bedroom, according to reporters who visited the house Sunday.

Mr. Nkomo vanished Saturday as troops swooped on black suburbs of the Matabeland provincial capital searching for anti-government rebels and arms.

One of Mr. Nkomo's advisers said Sunday he had left his home in the Pelandaba suburb before troops arrived Saturday.

Security sources said up to 1,000 people may have been detained in Saturday's operation and residents said the search was continuing Sunday.

Reporters who visited Mr. Nkomo's property in the black suburb of Pelandaba said rooms had been ransacked and one bed in the staff quarters was covered in bloodstains.

They said the windows of two cars belonging to Mr. Nkomo's ZAPU Party — one a green Volvo station wagon frequently used by

Mr. Nkomo — had been smashed. People living nearby said they believed one member of Mr. Nkomo's staff might have been killed. There was no body and no confirmation from any other quarter.

The whereabouts of Mr. Nkomo, 65, remained a mystery Sunday though the adviser said he believed the veteran nationalist was fit and well and staying in a "safe house" with relatives.

ZAPU Vice-President Josiah Chinamano said he had tried wit-

hout success to establish contact with the party leader and added that he was greatly concerned.

"I have not heard anything at all," Mr. Chinamano said. "I have telephoned all the people I know. It is very worrying. A person of his stature should not just disappear."

Security sources said that about half the people arrested Saturday would probably be freed after searching and the remainder held for deeper interrogation.

## British queen to condole families of 3 dead agents

YOSEMITE, California (R) — Britain's Queen Elizabeth, shocked and saddened by the deaths of three U.S. secret service agents who had guarded her and Prince Philip, will send messages of sympathy to their families Sunday, a British spokesman said.

The agents were killed in a road collision while driving to join the security force protecting the royal couple during their weekend stay in Yosemite National Park, in central California.

The agents were 20 minutes ahead of the royal party when they were involved in a head-on collision with a police car 15 kilometres east of the old gold rush

town of Coulterville.

The queen's motorcade of 18 cars had to make a detour because of the accident, the scene of which was visible to the royal couple.

Queen Elizabeth looked solemn when she stopped at the park's inspiration point to gaze across a canyon to the sheer rock face of the 2,307 metres El Capitan mountain.

A spokesman for the local sheriff's force, Lt. Jerry Neil, said that 10 minutes after the accident the force received a telephone call warning them that a man with a rifle had been seen near the royal route.

He described the call as a hoax.

## Turkish generals still not done with new proposals

ANKARA (R) — Turkey's ruling generals begin studying proposed laws this week on regulating political parties when elected government is restored late this year or early in 1984.

As in all other major decisions since they seized power amid political violence and turmoil in Sept. 1980, the generals will have the last word on this key issue.

Draft party laws drawn up by a constitutional committee of the military-appointed national consultative assembly were passed by the assembly in altered form last week.

The five generals on the ruling National Security Council (NSC) will now consider both the original draft and the amended proposals before settling on a final version

which will become law.

It is not clear how long they will take, but, as several newspaper commentators have pointed out, time is running short if the generals are to keep to their own timetable.

The NSC has said that general elections will be held this autumn, barring unforeseen circumstances.

Draft articles accepted by the consultative assembly and virtually certain to be confirmed by the NSC include a ban on any future criticism by any party of the 1980 military takeover.

The draft also reaffirms articles in the new constitution barring about 100 former party leaders, including former prime minister Suleyman Demirel and Bulent Ecevit, from politics for 10 years.

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